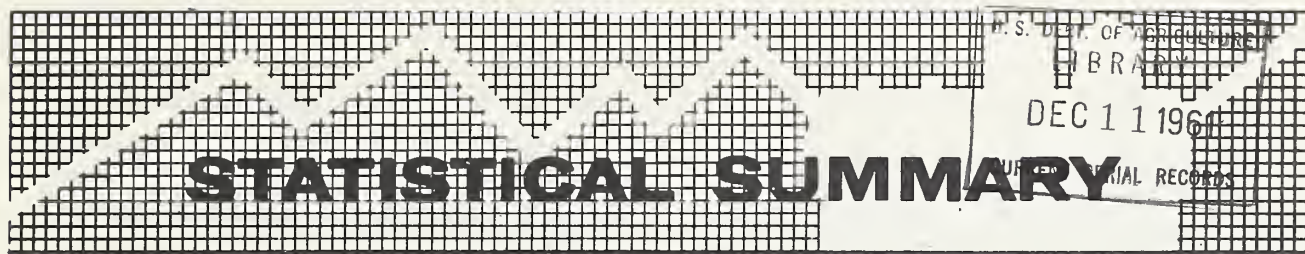


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### Winter Wheat--2 Percent Below 1960

On May 1 the prospects for the 1961 winter wheat crop were about the same as a month earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Prospects are that the crop will fall 2 percent below 1960, but will be well above average, exceeded only by the 1958 and 1960 crops. The yield per acre of 26.5 bushels is nearly 6 bushels above average.

### Hay Stocks Are at Near Record Level

There was 36 percent more hay stored on the Nation's farms on May 1 than a year earlier--35 percent above average. Early season hay prospects for 1961 were below last year but about average. Moisture was good in the eastern third of the country but low temperatures retarded growth. Dry conditions and cool weather have held back growth in the rest of the country.

### Pasture Growth Slowed by Cool Weather

Cool April weather slowed pasture growth after an unusually good start in March. Pasture conditions on May 1 were reported at 83 percent of normal. This is 2 points under the unusually high average of last year but 3 points above average. Slow growth and soft fields delayed use of pasture from Missouri eastward through Ohio and the Northeast. Soil moisture conditions are generally good except for central and southern Florida and south central Texas.

### Rye--About as Good as in 1960

The condition of the rye crop was 88 percent of normal on May 1, only 1 point below last month and a year ago. April temperatures over most of the principal rye producing States were not conducive to optimum growth and development.

### Largest Southern Peach Crop Since 1947

The forecast for 1961 production in the 9 Southern peach States is 16.7 million bushels, based on May 1 conditions. This is only 1 percent above the revised production for 1960, but if realized, will be the largest Southern peach crop since 1947. This forecast is 58 percent above 1950-1959 average.

### California Pears--Light Hail Damage

The May 1 condition of Bartlett pears was below both last year and average. There was a good bloom but hail has caused some damage this season. The May 1 conditions of "other" pears is above both last year and average.

### Citrus--Orange Crop Down A Little

The 1960-61 orange crop is estimated at 118 million boxes, 7 percent less than last year and 3 percent below average. By May 1 about two-thirds of the crop had been harvested. This left 39.3 million boxes to be harvested compared with 39.1 million a year earlier.

Grapefruit production for 1960-61 is estimated at 42.6 million boxes, 2 percent greater than last year and equal to the 10-year average. By May 1 a little more than three-fourths of the crop had been picked. About 8.9 million boxes remained to be harvested compared with 6.3 million boxes a year earlier.

The lemon crop is forecast at 14.6 million boxes, 20 percent fewer than last year but 2 percent above average.

### Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	Mar. 15 1961	Apr. 15 1961	Based on data for Apr. 1961
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.)..... ct.	28.37	29.44	38.96
Wheat (bu.)..... dol.	1.80	1.74	2.39
Rice (100 lb.)..... dol.	4.95	4.86	6.04
Corn (bu.)..... dol.	1.01	.965	1.62
Peanuts (lb.)..... ct.	10.8	10.3	13.0
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Milkfat in cream (lb.)..... ct.	60.3	60.5	75.2
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.)..... dol.	4.18	4.00	5.13
Wool (lb.)..... ct.	2 40.2	2 41.1	75.2
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.)..... dol.	.847	.847	1.25
Cottonseed (ton)..... dol.	44.80	--	62.80
Flaxseed (bu.)..... dol.	2.68	2.75	3.81
Hay, baled (ton)..... dol.	20.60	20.00	25.40
Oats (bu.)..... dol.	.593	.581	.843
Potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	1.63	1.86	2.47
Rye (bu.)..... dol.	.845	.825	1.48
Sorghum grain (100 lb.)..... dol.	1.52	1.48	2.48
Soybeans (bu.)..... dol.	2.68	3.02	2.90
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	5.40	5.47	5.65
Oranges, on tree (box)..... dol.	3.45	2.99	2.41
Apples, for fresh use (bu.)..... dol.	2.68	2.86	2.60
Beef cattle (100 lb.)..... dol.	20.90	20.60	23.80
Calves (100 lb.)..... dol.	24.40	24.10	26.30
Hogs (100 lb.)..... dol.	17.10	16.90	21.40
Lambs (100 lb.)..... dol.	16.60	16.10	25.30
Chickens, all (lb.)..... ct.	16.4	14.8	25.2
Eggs (dozen)..... ct.	3 36.7	3 33.4	47.1

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> Average local market price, excluding incentive payment.

<sup>3</sup> Average of all eggs sold by farmers including hatching eggs and eggs sold at retail by farmers.

## Lemon Utilization Down

The utilization of lemons is sharply below a year ago, totaling 5.5 million boxes to May 1. This compares with 10.5 million last year. Fresh market demand this year accounted for 3.9 million boxes compared with 4.1 million to May 1, 1960. Processors used only 1.6 million boxes to May 1, compared with 6.4 million a year earlier.

## Orange-Grapefruit Processing

Of the 79.1 million boxes of oranges utilized to May 1, processors had taken 52.1 million boxes. The remaining 27 million were sold fresh. Grapefruit utilization to May 1 was 33.7 million boxes, of which 18.9 million were used fresh and 14.8 million were used by processors.

## Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1960		1961		
	April	Year	Feb.	Mar.	April
Nonfarm employment, (civilian) <sup>1</sup> .....	60.8	61.0	59.9	60.5	60.7
Farm employment.....	7.2	7.1	5.3	6.0	6.9
Family .....	5.5	5.2	4.3	4.7	5.3
Hired .....	1.6	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.6
Index numbers (1947-49) = 100)					
Industrial production <sup>2</sup> .....	165	164	155	155	159
Total personal income payments <sup>3</sup> .....	198	199	200	201	--
Weekly factory earnings <sup>4</sup> .....	169	170	157	158	159
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker <sup>4</sup> .....	169	172	171	171	172
Wholesale prices, all commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	120	120	120	120	119
Farm commodities .....	91	89	90	90	88
Food, processed .....	107	108	110	110	109
Consumer price index <sup>4</sup> .....	126	126	128	128	--
Food .....	120	120	121	121	--
Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)					
Prices received by farmers .....	242	238	244	243	239
Crops .....	225	221	221	224	226
Food grains.....	209	203	209	208	202
Feed grains and hay.....	158	151	150	150	145
Cotton.....	244	253	227	240	249
Tobacco.....	494	496	517	517	517
Oil bearing crops .....	216	214	250	264	286
Fruit .....	211	236	259	260	250
Commercial vegetables .....	255	234	213	213	231
Livestock and products.....	257	252	263	259	250
Meat animals.....	310	296	309	309	305
Dairy products.....	244	258	266	257	246
Poultry and eggs .....	163	158	169	160	145
Prices paid by farmers:					
All commodities .....	277	275	277	277	277
Used in living .....	291	290	291	290	290
Used in production.....	268	265	267	269	267
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index) .....	302	299	302	302	302
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted .....	649	631	635	635	647
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index).....	80	80	81	80	79

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of the Census

<sup>2</sup> Federal Reserve Board.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Commerce.

<sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics. Any figures not available at press time omitted.

## Sweet Cherries May Be Best Cal. Crop Since '57

California's sweet cherry crop, estimated on May 1 at 32 thousand tons, promises to be the first average or better crop since 1957. It is expected to be 33 percent above last year and 19 percent above the 1950-59 average of almost 27 thousand tons.

## More Plums Than Last Year

California's 1961 plum crop is estimated at 90 thousand tons, 10 percent larger than last year and 12 percent above average. The early set is heavy on all but late varieties, although late varieties have a good set in general.

On May 1 the condition of California prunes was reported at 70 percent, only 2 points below a year ago. Conditions for bloom and a good set were favorable but frosts in April did some damage.

## Apricots Down From '60 But Above Average

Production of California apricots is estimated at 210 thousand tons by the Crop Reporting Board. This is 9 percent below last year but 15 percent above average.

## Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan.-Mar. 1960	Jan.-Mar. 1961
<u>Dairy Production</u>			
Milk.....	Bil. lb.	<sup>1</sup> 41.1	<sup>1</sup> 41.3
Evaporated whole milk .....	Mil. lb.	439.1	455.0
Dry Nonfat milk solids (for human food) .....	Mil. lb.	478.9	496.7
Butter, creamery .....	Mil. lb.	370.2	369.3
Cheese, American.....	Mil. lb.	206.0	256.1
Ice cream.....	Mil. gal.	145.6	148.3
<u>Poultry Production</u>			
Eggs .....	Billions	<sup>1</sup> 21.7	<sup>1</sup> 21.1
Poultry meat.....	Mil. lb.	1,184	1,315
Canned poultry.....	Mil. lb.	80.7	142.5
Liquid egg .....	Mil. lb.	161.8	142.9
Dried egg (egg solids) .....	Mil. lb.	13.1	11.9
Frozen egg .....	Mil. lb.	103.6	84.6
Chicks hatched, total <sup>3</sup> .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 899.1	<sup>1</sup> 1,041.0
Chicks hatched, broiler <sup>3</sup> .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 668.4	<sup>1</sup> 765.9
Poults hatched: <sup>3</sup>			
Heavy breeds .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 40.6	<sup>1</sup> 51.9
Light breeds .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 3.5	<sup>1</sup> 4.4
<u>Meat Production<sup>2</sup></u> (dressed weight)			
Beef.....	Mil. lb.	3,486	3,562
Veal.....	Mil. lb.	235	237
Pork.....	Mil. lb.	2,979	2,747
Lamb and mutton.....	Mil. lb.	189	210
Total red meat.....	Mil. lb.	6,889	6,756
<u>Slaughter<sup>2</sup></u>			
Cattle .....	1,000 head	5,974	6,094
Calves.....	1,000 head	2,008	1,987
Hogs.....	1,000 head	22,155	19,961
Sheep and lambs.....	1,000 head	3,790	4,175

<sup>1</sup> January-April.

<sup>2</sup> Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>3</sup> By commercial hatcheries.



## Almonds Near Record Crop

The California almond crop is forecast at 70 thousand tons, 32 percent greater than last year and surpassed only by the 1959 record crop of almost 83 thousand tons.

## Over A Billion Dollar Tobacco Crop

The 1960 tobacco crop has an estimated value of \$1,186 million with an all-time high average price per pound of 61.0 cents. Growers received \$1,048 for the 1959 crop which averaged 58.3 cents per pound.

Production of all types of tobacco in 1960 is estimated at 1,944 million pounds. This is the highest since 1956 when production totaled 2,176 million pounds. The current 1960 estimate was revised downward by about 0.9 percent (17 million pounds) from the estimate released last December.

Flue-cured production in 1960, at 1,251 million pounds, was nearly 16 percent above 1959.

Burley production for 1960 was 485 million pounds. This was 4 percent below 1959 and 12 percent below the average.

Southern Maryland, type 32, production is estimated at 32.8 million pounds for 1960. The 1959 crop averaged 31.2 million pounds and the 10-year average is 38.5 million pounds.

Fired-cured production is placed at 45.4 millions, about 14 percent below the 53.1 million pounds produced in 1959 and 23 percent below the 10-year average.

Dark air-cured, types 35-37, totaled 20.0 million pounds. In 1959 the poundage was 21.5 million. The 1960 crop was 32 percent below the 10-year average.

Cigar filler production in 1960 is estimated at 59.3 million pounds and compares with 60.4 million pounds in 1959 and 55.1 million for the 10-year average.

Cigar binder production in 1960 totaled about 29.4 million pounds, 3 percent above 1959 but 34 percent below the 1949-58 average.

The 1960 production of cigar wrapper types is estimated at 21.0 million pounds, an all-time high. Poundage in 1959 amounted to 18.6 million, and the 1949-58 average stands at 16.2 million pounds. Wrapper acreage totaled about 14,400 acres and the 1960 yield per acre was at the record high of 1,458 pounds per acre.

## Early Spring Potato Production Up

The second forecast by the Crop Reporting Board for the 1961 early spring potato crop places the prospective production at 4,559,000 hundredweight, 9 percent above the April 1 estimate. This is 30 percent above the 1960 potato production.

Production of late spring potatoes is forecast at 27,227,000 hundredweight, less than 1 percent below the 1960 crop.

Growers of early summer potatoes have 108,700 acres for harvest. This is 1 percent below the February 1 intentions and 3 percent below the 112,000 acres harvested last year. Stands in all sections are expected to be about normal.

## Cotton Crop Almost 14.3 Million Bales

Based on the ginnings for the season, 1960 cotton production was 14,272,000 bales, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 2 percent below the 1959 crop of 14,558,000 bales but 4 percent above the 1949-58 average of 13,710,000 bales. A total of 16,080,000 acres was planted to cotton, 2 percent more than was planted in 1959. Average yield per acre for 1960 was 446 pounds, 15 pounds below the 1959 yield. Cottonseed production in 1960 was 5,886,000 tons, 2 percent under the 1959 production.

## Value of Cotton Crop Down

The combined value of cotton and cottonseed production in 1960 was estimated at \$2,395 million, down \$141 million from the previous year. The seasonal-average price for lint was 30.1 cents per pound, nearly 1.6 cents below 1959. The average price for cottonseed in 1960 was \$42.50 per ton compared with \$38.80 per ton for the 1959 crop.

### Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, by States, March 1961<sup>1</sup>

State	Livestock and products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Maine .....	11,022	9,811	20,833
New Hampshire.....	4,137	926	5,063
Vermont .....	9,218	1,487	10,705
Massachusetts .....	9,327	4,377	13,704
Rhode Island .....	1,398	454	1,852
Connecticut .....	8,810	5,893	14,703
New York .....	55,639	16,521	72,160
New Jersey .....	15,403	6,099	21,502
Pennsylvania .....	53,197	18,113	71,310
Ohio.....	58,215	23,918	82,133
Indiana .....	64,657	20,240	84,897
Illinois .....	104,519	75,198	179,717
Michigan.....	36,331	14,938	51,269
Wisconsin.....	97,129	7,684	104,813
Minnesota.....	100,324	23,834	124,158
Iowa.....	167,133	30,175	197,308
Missouri.....	62,243	9,075	71,318
North Dakota .....	12,968	12,352	25,320
South Dakota.....	34,203	9,476	43,679
Nebraska .....	65,213	21,968	87,181
Kansas .....	60,470	17,929	78,399
Delaware.....	7,569	1,594	9,163
Maryland.....	16,965	3,500	20,465
Virginia.....	19,046	5,933	24,979
West Virginia.....	5,780	1,256	7,036
North Carolina.....	27,341	10,213	37,554
South Carolina.....	9,020	4,428	13,448
Georgia .....	39,621	7,437	47,058
Florida .....	19,198	58,586	77,784
Kentucky.....	25,257	3,781	29,038
Tennessee.....	21,445	3,880	25,325
Alabama .....	25,083	3,739	28,822
Mississippi.....	21,556	6,151	27,707
Arkansas .....	19,635	4,596	24,231
Louisiana.....	12,655	3,538	16,193
Oklahoma.....	26,860	3,305	30,165
Texas.....	84,829	18,982	103,811
Montana.....	15,219	6,210	21,429
Idaho.....	18,760	13,781	32,541
Wyoming.....	8,375	1,592	9,967
Colorado.....	32,020	11,180	43,200
New Mexico.....	9,574	2,012	11,586
Arizona .....	14,793	10,446	25,239
Utah.....	10,368	1,428	11,796
Nevada .....	4,643	507	5,150
Washington.....	16,073	12,584	28,657
Oregon .....	14,832	6,182	21,014
California.....	108,362	68,493	176,855
United States .....	1,666,435	605,802	2,272,237
Total U. S., Jan.-Mar. ....	4,755,992	2,868,100	7,624,092
Same period, year ago .....	4,387,193	2,517,328	6,904,521

<sup>1</sup> All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

## Cash Receipts From Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketing, United States<sup>1</sup>

	March 1961	April 1961
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>		
	<i>Mil. dol.</i>	<i>Mil. dol.</i>
Total marketings and CCC loans <sup>2</sup> .....	2,272	2,100
Livestock and products .....	1,666	1,500
Meat animals .....	925	
Dairy products .....	421	
Poultry and eggs.....	279	
Other.....	41	
Crops .....	606	600
Food grains .....	49	
Feed crops .....	190	
Cotton (lint and seed).....	21	
Oil-bearing crops .....	61	
Tobacco .....	10	
Vegetables.....	105	
Fruits and tree nuts .....	66	
Other.....	104	
Government payments.....	19	
Grand total .....	2,291	
	1947-49 = 100	
<b>VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:</b>		
All commodities .....	104	96
Livestock and products .....	138	128
Crops .....	57	53

<sup>1</sup> For Comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. <sup>2</sup> Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

### Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-food Products

Year and month	Retail cost <sup>1</sup>	Farm value <sup>2</sup>	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1960 average.....	1,052	\$408	\$644	39%
1960 Mar. ....	1,032	412	620	40%
1961 Feb. ....	1,070	426	644	40%
1961 Mar. ....	1,068	414	654	39%

<sup>1</sup> Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per urban wage-earner and clerical-worker family in 1952, calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

### Egg Production Down 1 Percent

April egg production was 1 percent less than a year ago as decreases in North Atlantic and North Central States more than offset increases in South Atlantic, South Central, and Western areas. Egg production per layer was up from a year earlier but the Nation's laying flock was 2 percent smaller. The May 1 number of layers was the lowest for the date since 1938.

### Milk Production Up 1 Percent

During April, milk cows in the U. S. produced an estimated 11.2 billion pounds of milk, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 1 percent more than in April 1960, and 3 percent more than the April average for 1950-59. Production increased 3 percent from March to April--about the same gain as a year earlier, but less than the 10-year average increase of 5 percent.

### Spring Vegetable Production Down

The production of spring vegetables this year is expected to be 7 percent below last year and 7 percent below average. Melon production is 19 percent below the 1960 output. Carrots, watermelons, sweet corn, onions, green peppers, cantaloups, lettuce, snap beans, and asparagus also have substantially less production than last year.

### Farm Labor Force Down in April

The farm work force of 6.9 million during the week of April 23-29 was 4 percent smaller than a year earlier and the smallest of record for the April survey week. The number of farm operators and other family workers was estimated at 5.3 million--4 percent less than in the April 1960 period. The number of hired workers, at 1.6 million, was also 4 percent less than a year earlier.



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